

EXPERIMENT - 12

Advanced Transaction Simulation: Deadlocks, MVCC, and Concurrency

This document demonstrates advanced transaction scenarios in MySQL using InnoDB: Deadlock simulation, MVCC-based concurrency, and comparison of locking vs MVCC. Use two concurrent sessions (Session A and Session B) in Nimbus or MySQL CLI to reproduce behavior.

Setup (Run Once)

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS StudentEnrollments;
```

```
CREATE TABLE StudentEnrollments (  
  student_id INT NOT NULL,  
  student_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
  course_id VARCHAR(10) NOT NULL,  
  enrollment_date DATE NOT NULL,  
  PRIMARY KEY (student_id)  
) ENGINE=InnoDB;
```

```
INSERT INTO StudentEnrollments (student_id, student_name, course_id, enrollment_date)  
VALUES  
(1, 'Ashish', 'CSE101', '2024-06-01'),  
(2, 'Smaran', 'CSE102', '2024-06-01'),  
(3, 'Vaibhav', 'CSE103', '2024-06-01');
```

Part A: Simulating a Deadlock Between Two Transactions

Two concurrent transactions attempt to update overlapping rows in reverse order. MySQL detects a deadlock and rolls back one transaction (Error 1213).

Session A

```
START TRANSACTION;  
UPDATE StudentEnrollments  
SET enrollment_date = '2024-07-01'  
WHERE student_id = 1;  
SELECT SLEEP(5);  
UPDATE StudentEnrollments
```

```
SET enrollment_date = '2024-07-02'  
WHERE student_id = 2;  
COMMIT;
```

Session B

```
START TRANSACTION;  
UPDATE StudentEnrollments  
SET enrollment_date = '2024-08-01'  
WHERE student_id = 2;  
SELECT SLEEP(5);  
UPDATE StudentEnrollments  
SET enrollment_date = '2024-08-02'  
WHERE student_id = 1;  
COMMIT;
```

Expected Output: One transaction fails with ERROR 1213 (Deadlock found...). The database automatically rolls back the victim transaction.

☐ To avoid deadlocks: always lock rows in the same order, keep transactions short, and retry on deadlock errors.

Part B: Applying MVCC to Prevent Conflicts During Concurrent Reads/Writes

MVCC allows non-blocking reads under Repeatable Read isolation. Session A reads a snapshot while Session B updates concurrently.

Session A (Reader)

```
SET SESSION TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL REPEATABLE READ;  
START TRANSACTION;  
SELECT enrollment_date FROM StudentEnrollments WHERE student_id = 1;  
-- Expect: 2024-06-01  
SELECT SLEEP(5);  
SELECT enrollment_date FROM StudentEnrollments WHERE student_id = 1;  
COMMIT;
```

Session B (Writer)

```
START TRANSACTION;  
UPDATE StudentEnrollments  
SET enrollment_date = '2024-07-10'  
WHERE student_id = 1;
```

COMMIT;

Expected Output: Session A sees old snapshot (2024-06-01) until commit, while Session B successfully updates to 2024-07-10.

Part C: Comparing Behavior With and Without MVCC

This demonstrates blocking behavior with explicit locking (SELECT FOR UPDATE) vs non-blocking reads with MVCC.

Scenario 1: With Locking

Session A:

START TRANSACTION;

SELECT * FROM StudentEnrollments WHERE student_id = 1 FOR UPDATE;

SELECT SLEEP(6);

UPDATE StudentEnrollments SET enrollment_date = '2024-09-10' WHERE student_id = 1;

COMMIT;

Session B:

START TRANSACTION;

UPDATE StudentEnrollments SET enrollment_date = '2024-09-20' WHERE student_id = 1;

COMMIT;

-- Session B blocks until A commits

Scenario 2: With MVCC (Non-blocking Reads)

Session A:

SET SESSION TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL REPEATABLE READ;

START TRANSACTION;

SELECT enrollment_date FROM StudentEnrollments WHERE student_id = 1;

SELECT SLEEP(6);

SELECT enrollment_date FROM StudentEnrollments WHERE student_id = 1;

COMMIT;

Session B:

START TRANSACTION;

UPDATE StudentEnrollments SET enrollment_date = '2024-10-01' WHERE student_id = 1;

COMMIT;

Expected Output:

- With Locking: readers/writers block each other.
- With MVCC: readers continue using snapshot; writers commit new versions.

Sample Output Image

Part A: Insert Multiple Fee Payments in a Transaction

START TRANSACTION

payment_id	student_name	amount	payment_date
1	Ashish	5000.00	2024-06-01
2	Smaran	4500.00	2024-06-02
3	Valbhav	5500.00	2024-06-03

COMMIT

Part B: Demonstrate ROLLBACK for Failed Payment Insertion

START TRANSACTION

payment_id	student_name	amount	payment_date
4	Kiran	4000.00	2024-06-04
5	Smdran	-100.00	2024-06-05

ROLLBACK

Part C: Simulate Partial Failure and Ensure Consistent State

START TRANSACTION

payment_id	student_name	amount	payment_date
5	Nidhi	3000.00	2024-06-08
6	Smaran	2500.00	2024-06-07
3	Valbhav	5500.00	2024-06-07

ROLLBACK

Part D: Verify ACID Compliance with Transaction Flow

START TRANSACTION

payment_id	Ashish	5000	5000.00	2024-06-01
payment_id	Smaran	4600	4500.00	2024-06-02
payment_id	Vaibhav	5500	5500.00	2024-06-03

SELECT * FROM transactions WHERE payment_date < '2024-06-05'